

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG  
GRADUATE SCHOOL

Assessment Test  
for  
GRSC6004 Effective Academic Presentations

**Objective**

Given the short duration of GRSC6004 'Effective Academic Presentations', students are expected to have achieved an adequate standard of proficiency in spoken English before they enroll for the course, if they are to derive maximum benefit from the course. Presenters need to have reasonably clear pronunciation and a certain level of oral fluency before they can be understood by the audience when they do presentations.

It is therefore important, for the students' sake, that they should be given an indication of whether they have such pre-requisites before they enroll for GRSC6004. If they do not, they will be advised to take the course in the next semester, after they have achieved a higher standard through a range of English enhancement opportunities at the university.

**Who should take the test?**

Only students who intend to enroll for GRSC6004 and who did not graduate from an English-medium university before will be required/allowed to participate in the assessment screening. Exemption could be granted if students could produce certification from their supervisors that they are proficient in oral English.

Please contact the Graduate School if you are not sure about whether you have to take the test.

**Assessment method**

Students will be tested individually in a 10-minute session through a short impromptu presentation and an interview. A teacher will be assigned to rate the students' pronunciation and oral fluency.

### Assessment schedule

Session	Date	Time	Venue
1	10 January, 2012 (Tuesday)	11:00 am – 12:00 noon	Software Reference Room B <b>(Room 719, K. K. Leung Building)</b>
2	13 February, 2012 (Monday)	10:00 am – 11:00 am	
3	13 February, 2012 (Monday)	11:00 am – 12:00 noon	

### How to enroll for the test?

Students should first secure a place on GRSC6004 via the On-line Course Registration System during the course enrollment period, and come to the Graduate School Office during office hours to sign up for the test. Students who have enrolled in GRSC6004F would have priority since the class would commence at an earlier time.

Graduate School office opening hours:

Mon-Fri 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. (closed during lunch hour: 1 – 2 p.m.)

Sat 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Sun & public holidays: closed

### Outcome

Students who:

- pass the screening can then be confirmed in their place on GRSC6004.
- do not pass will be advised to schedule an appointment with an English Centre Teacher/Consultant via the Virtual English Centre at <http://ec.hku.hk/vec/timetable>. They will then be introduced to various resources available in the Language Resources Centre (4<sup>th</sup> floor, Meng Wah Complex) and available online via the Virtual English Centre: <http://ec.hku.hk/vec>.
- fail the assessment are expected to take measures to improve their oral English before they re-take the test and they are not supposed to take the test again within the same semester.

### Enquiry

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